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PART I

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT
AND TREASURER

Annual Report of the President

To the Trustees of Marietta College:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit to you my report of the affairs of the College for the year 1908-9, and to transmit also the reports of the professors regarding their departments.

The year just closing has been one of steady work, distinguished by no special marks of notable achievement. I am glad to say that the delightful relations reported last year as maintaining within the faculty and between faculty and students still continue. This is the best atmosphere for good work. I have every reason to believe that the efficiency of instruction given in the College was never greater than now. I would call attention to the testimony of the faculty on this point.

The year may also be characterized as a prosperous one so far as the internal affairs of the College are concerned. Our numbers have been larger than ever. A good spirit of enthusiasm has been manifest in the student activities. We cannot fail to note, however, that growth brings its new problems, which must be faced and settled. The financial problem remains our greatest one. We trust some of the load may be lifted before another year.

Trustees:—At the last annual meeting, Messrs. Kelley, Nichols and Sater, whose terms expired, were re-elected to the Board for the term of five years. Upon

nomination of the Alumni, Mr. Thomas J. Summers, a lawyer, of Marietta, of the class of 1901, was chosen Trustee for the full term of five years. With this election the representation of the Alumni on the board is filled. These Alumni trustees in the order of their election are Messrs. Follett, Dana, R. C. Dawes, Brown and Summers. Attention is called to the fact that since the Board is practically full, these members can be retained upon the Board only as they are renominated by the Alumni at the expiration of their several terms.

The mid-year meeting of the Board is not attended as largely by out-of-town members as is desirable. The Executive Committee have held regular monthly meetings throughout the year, keeping thus in close touch with the affairs of the College.

Faculty:—I am happy to report no changes in the College faculty during the year, and none impending. Prof. Morse, whose election was reported a year ago, has been with us during the year, and has won our respect and affection. Mr. Bard has been with us throughout the year, and the work in elocution has been greatly benefited in consequence. He has also been assistant in Modern Languages. It is proper to call attention to the serious burden laid upon some departments by the increase of students. Relief must be given speedily to men now overburdened. I am glad to express my great satisfaction in the quality of scholarship possessed by our professors, and the loyalty and enthusiasm with which they work, and the beautiful friendliness manifested among them. There is little friction in the machine as it is running now. I trust we can hold together for many years. Mr. O'Brien, of the Junior class, has acted as assistant in chemistry during the year. Mr. Carl W. Hayes, of 1912, has been

physical director for the men, and Miss Hortense Fogle-song for the women. The latter gave an exhibition at the close of the year which was most delightful and showed that excellent work had been done.

Students:—We are again able to report the largest enrollment in the history of the College. There are 136 students enrolled in the four College classes and four more as graduate students. The Freshman class enrolled 55 in the fall, of whom 50 finished the year, a remarkable record, showing improvement in preparation, and more care in admission. Not only is this the largest Freshman class that ever entered, it has also the largest number of men (37) ever enrolled in a Freshman class in this college.

The Glee Club of the College under the efficient training of Prof. Goodrich, has become very effective, and has given a number of successful concerts during the year in nearby towns.

There has been more than the usual activity in dramatic representations and the Masquerade on Washington's birthday and the College Carnival in May gave opportunity for the manifestation of much ingenuity and cleverness.

The Alpha Kappa Literary Society has shown special activity during the year and even arranged a joint debate with West Virginia Conference College.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity has tried the experiment this year of having a house of its own. It has proved successful and will be continued. The more closely a fraternity can approximate the home ideal, rather than the club ideal, the more efficient will it become.

I am glad to report that all the fraternities have co-operated most cordially in all my endeavors to help their members.

There has been a good degree of interest in athletics manifested during the year and both the foot-ball and basket-ball teams made most excellent records. The athletic situation is on the whole not entirely satisfactory. This is largely due to the isolated situation of the College making intercollegiate games very expensive, and to the meagre financial resources of the student-body which necessitates large dependence upon an outside subscription list. There should be a permanent, competent physical director with ability to coach the teams, and the athletic field and gymnasium should be given some needed improvements.

It is only fair, however, to say that considering the conditions prevailing, the results secured are admirable, and there is certainly gain over the conditions of some years ago.

Special recognition should be made of the loyal efforts of the Alumni committee, whose labors have been abundant, and very successful. Foot-ball would have been practically impossible without their assistance. It is most pleasing when alumni are willing thus to devote themselves to any department of the life of the College.

Fayerweather Hall has taken a step further toward complete use by the College, in the establishing of a boarding department, utilizing the splendid equipment for that purpose. It has not been as generously patronized as we hoped, due largely to the late start. It is expected that another year it will be more successful.

In my last annual report I was called upon to record the sudden death by drowning of Mr. Baker, of the class of 1910. Just four weeks from that sad event, on June

12, 1908, another member of the same class, Mr. Benjamin Marshick, lost his life in the same manner. Mr. Marshick came to this College from Cleveland, because of the opportunity here afforded for self-help. He was a diligent and hard worker, a fine scholar and a consistent christian. He was the strongest man in College, a member of the Track and Foot ball teams, popular with the students and showing great promise. To lose two such choice men out of one class in such a distressing manner is a severe loss that cannot be repaired. A brief service was held for Mr. Marshick on June 14, and special reference was made to him at chapel service early in the fall.

Academy:—The printing of Principal Wolfe's report makes unnecessary here repetition of certain facts there stated. It may, however, be interesting to note certain statistical facts regarding the Academy.

The Freshman class of the College enrolls this year 55 students. Of these 22 were prepared in our Academy. This proportion is about our average. Last year the figures were 21 out of 50; the year before, 15 out of 44.

The present enrollment in the Academy is distributed as follows:

	From Marietta	From Outside
Fourth year	14	25
Third year	18	20
Second year	17	18
First year	9	3

It will be noticed that the upper classes are the largest and that the proportion from the city decreases from the first to the fourth year. This is due to the fact that a good many come from second or third grade High

Schools and take only the final year or two to prepare for College.

There were last year 28 fourth year students. Of these 18 entered the Freshman class. This is a little larger proportion than some times, but not larger than is expected this year. We are gratified to have our Academy recognized by other institutions as a first class preparatory school. There is no question of its efficiency.

Summer School:—As usual a six weeks' session was held from June 22 to August 1, 1908. The attendance was somewhat larger than the previous year, being 129. These were young people trying to make up deficiencies in High School work or preparation for College, and a large number of prospective teachers anxious to review branches in which they were to be examined. Some teachers also took advanced work to fit themselves for better positions. From our own Faculty the following gave instruction: Professor Wolfe, who acted as principal, Prof. Andrews, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Benner. In addition to these the following also taught: Mr. Elden V. James, Prin. of the Palm Beach (Fla.) High School, Miss Nellie B. Merriman, instructor in Latin, Parkersburg High School, Supt. Vivian C. Sadler, of Belpre, Supt. J. V. Mc-Millan, of Marietta, Principal Charles A. Hodges, of Marietta, Supt. L. E. Booher, of Waterford, and Miss Helen Nichols, of Marietta. Miss Nora Thornton, principal of the Norwood School, conducted the Model School. Miss Nellie Foglesong had a very successful class in Physical Culture; while the Music and Art departments were conducted by Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Phebe S. Brown, Mrs. Bernice Mason Ward and Miss Katherine Nye. Miss Orr was in attendance at the Library throughout the session.

Bulletin:—Five numbers of Vol. VII of the Bulletin have been issued during the year, as follows:

No. 1 Address List of Living Alumni.....	1200 copies
No. 2 The Annual Catalogue.....	4000 copies
No. 3 Summer School Bulletin.....	10000 copies
Supplement on Art Instruction.....	15000 copies
No. 4 The Small College.....	1500 copies
Supplement, Program of Commence- ment week	1200 copies
No. 5 Annual Reports, Part I.....	1500 copies
Part II.....	1200 copies

Library:—The increased use of the Library is noted in the Librarian's report with great satisfaction. The policy of generous attitude toward residents of the city will meet hearty approval. The needs of the library are money for books, and a chapel building to relieve it from certain annoyances.

Honors for the College:—In my last annual report extended reference was made to the honors received by recent graduates of the College, in various professional schools. The record is a very remarkable one. As then reported out of 10 recent graduates completing their courses in graduate schools, six had taken fellowships.

During this year this record has been maintained. Howard Hawks Mitchell, '06, has just been awarded a Fellowship at Princeton University, carrying with it the privilege of study in Europe. George Gadsby, '06, on completing his work in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been offered a three year Fellowship. Charles Digory Brokenshire, '07, has won the Maitland Prize at Princeton Theological Seminary, the highest honor open to his class and has won honors in several departments. George Selden Humphrey, '07, has won distinguished honors at the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Edgar Chew Sweeney, '08, has been reappointed Fellow in American History in the University of Cincinnati. William Edward Byers, '08, has been awarded a Scholarship in Columbia Law School. Hurd Aranda Tuttle, '08, has been given a Fellowship in Physics in Ohio State University. Arman Edward Becker, '09, has been granted a scholarship in Physics in the Harvard Graduate School.

Out of the last five classes 24 entered upon study in graduate or professional schools. To some of these no prizes of any sort were open. Seven have not completed their work. And yet, four have won European Fellowships; four others have won resident Fellowships, while four have won distinguished honors or prizes. This is a very remarkable record, a just cause for pride, and a convincing proof that the scholarly standard of Marietta College is no idle boast.

Donations:—The donations of the year have not been many, but they have been very acceptable. A former student, Mr. M. J. Averbeck, of New York, has shown his interest in the College he calls his, by giving \$1,000 for the establishing of the Averbeck Scholarship. May many be stimulated by his example to give for the College that nurtured them.

Mr. John Mills has given \$250 for physical apparatus. Mr. Rufus C. Dawes \$100 for physical apparatus for the Academy. Mr. J. A. Gallaher \$100 for the gymnasium director for the women.

Two of our local physicians have given to the physical laboratory apparatus of great value. Dr. C. B. Ballard has donated a 20 inch spark Induction Coil, and Dr. E. Sloan a 6 plate Holtz Static Machine. These are proving very useful.

Various cash donations toward current expenses have been received, a total of \$2,500. Other cash gifts bring the amount to \$3,785.25. Of this sum \$310 was received on the Living Endowment Plan—annual subscriptions from alumni and friends. I would urge this plan upon the attention of the Alumni. There seems to be no reason why a much larger number should not adopt this most convenient and acceptable method of contributing to the College.

In this connection mention should be made of the action of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in offering to this as well as some other Colleges, a beautiful medal to be awarded to the student presenting the best essay on some topic in Revolutionary history. It will be awarded at Commencement time.

Finances:—The report of the treasurer gives food for sober reflection. It should also be the spur to an immediate and determined effort toward increasing the endowment of the College. Every friend of the College should prepare for this effort, should arrange to give, and to interest other friends. The next ten years must mean much for putting the College on a firm basis and for its modest expansion. "We can if we will." This must be our motto. Before the next anniversary we must make a substantial beginning. Plans are already partially made for a campaign for endowment. Let all be prepared to help the movement forward.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary:—In June, 1910, the College will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its present Charter. It is well for us to remember that the roots of the College run back much farther. Indeed higher education in the west started in Marietta. The first classical school west of the Alleghenies was the Muskingum Academy, planned in 1797, and opened for instruction in 1800. The

first university was provided for in the grant of the Ohio Company of Associates; and the men of Marietta secured its charter in 1804, and laid its foundations at Athens. The Muskingum Academy was in constant use for a third of a century. When Rev. Luther G. Bingham started his Institute of Education the preparatory department was held in the Muskingum Academy, thus linking this institution directly with the date 1797. When Mr. Bingham in 1832 sold out to a Board of Trustees and when they secured the charter of Marietta College in 1835, the same line of inheritance was continued. So we are proud that Marietta College can claim to have begun in the Muskingum Academy in 1797 and to have started its collegiate existence under Mr. Bingham in 1830. Pres. Andrews with his high ideals and conservative temper, thought that the College, strictly speaking, began only with the degree granting powers of the charter in 1835. The fiftieth anniversary was accordingly celebrated in 1885. We follow his example and honor his restraint of pride, by celebrating the 75th Anniversary in 1910. The occasion should be one of rejoicing, of reunions, of grateful recall of the past and hopeful anticipation of the future. Let every Alumnus plan to return to meet his classmates and to drink new inspiration at the old fountain. The celebration will be an institutional affair. Alumni will make most of the addresses; themes will concern the College and its history. We hope friends of Marietta from all parts of the country will make pilgrimages here, and that the city will make the event an occasion of general home-coming of old residents. The Commencement of 1910 will occupy the week from Friday, June 10 to Thursday, June 16. The Anniversary day will be June 15. Early announcement will be made of the plans as they are perfected.

A Dry Town:—It is with great satisfaction that we report that on December 18, by the decisive majority of 1,348 in a total vote of 10,641, Washington county voted out all saloons. Marietta is such a beautiful city, and has so many attractive features that it seemed too bad that the open saloon should be allowed to spread its net for unwary feet. It means much for the reputation of the city, the attractiveness of Marietta as a residence city, and it means much to the College, that it can now be said there are no saloons here. The president, several members of the Faculty and some students took an active part in the campaign.

The Field of the College:—The president has repeatedly emphasized the fact that the field of the College is the Ohio Valley. It is true indeed of every College that its students are chiefly drawn from its own vicinage. Marietta has needed to cultivate its local field, to make the boys and girls of this and adjoining counties appreciate its work and the opportunities it offers. This still remains true and the local field is the one to be chiefly cultivated.

It is becoming increasingly apparent, however, that Marietta can make an appeal to a larger circle. Amid a group of colleges standing upon rival denominational platforms and striving to excel one another in variety of work attempted, Marietta stands on a broad inclusive platform, with an unexcelled reputation for scholarship, offering only the broad undergraduate course of study giving the foundation for culture and for specialization, with no ambition to be a university, but only to be the best College in Ohio. The evidence presented by the record of recent graduates is convincing proof that the College is today giving a thorough training, and there should be many in various parts of this and adjoining states, to whom the

situation and curriculum, and aims and achievements of the College will appeal strongly. Has the time come for the College, while not neglecting its local field, to appeal to a wider constituency?

The past of Marietta College has been significant and great. The future should be greater. It can be if friends will loyally support it, if Alumni will be true to their Alma Mater, if the present efficiency of instruction can be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED TYLER PERRY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Condensed, for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Endowments	\$13,324.03	
Tuition and Incidentals.....	8,502.25	
Living Endowment and Carnegie Foundation	1,370.00	
Donations for Expenses, Apparatus, and Re-		
pairs	3,475.25	
All Other Income	226.93	\$26,898.46
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Deficit		11,939.45
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		\$38,837.91

EXPENSES.

Salaries	\$25,350.00	
Care of Grounds and Buildings.....	1,461.46	
Fuel, Light and Water.....	766.74	
Insurance and Taxes	633.42	
Advertising and Catalogues.....	808.28	
Printing and Stationery.....	215.90	
Supplies	742.31	
Traveling	861.84	
Repairs	409.33	
Incidentals	1,600.22	
Library	2,840.19	
All Other Expenses	3,148.22	\$38,837.91
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ENDOWMENTS.

D. K. Pearsons Fund.....	\$100,000.00	
Henry Smith Fund.....	16,219.89	
W. R. Putnam Fund.....	52,886.75	
I. W. Andrews Fund.....	25,577.26	
C. B. Erwin Fund.....	15,000.00	
Consolidated Funds	53,384.77	\$263,068.67
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Productive	\$231,422.70	
Non-Productive	31,645.97	\$263,068.67
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Estimated value of Campus, Buildings, Li-		
braries, Laboratories, Museum, Apparatus,		
Gurley Observatory, Goshorn Gymnasium,		
President's House and Grounds and Ath-		
letic Grounds		340,000.00
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